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25X1 MEMORANDUM FOR: [] Control Officer, CIA

25X1 SUBJECT: Film Support []

- 25X1 1. The Center has been providing [] duplicate positive coverage from each [] mission on selected targets in China since []. As of this date we have forwarded the appropriate coverage on all missions accomplished since that date with the exception of []. This is not a particularly costly requirement, running about [] per mission, but it has taken up to six weeks from the date film is received at NPIC until its arrival []. The product forwarded is a fourth generation film positive, the quality of which is acceptable but higher quality would be desirable.
- 25X1 2. We have reviewed the requirement [] and examined several alternatives for satisfying it on a continuous basis. As a result of this review we have concluded that the most efficient, cost effective method of providing high quality and expeditious support is to accomplish the reproduction on a low priority basis at the processing site. The advantages of this procedure would be that the product provided [] would be a second generation duplicate positive and it would be delivered [] in approximately two and one half weeks from receipt of the film at the processing site. Additionally, it would relieve the Center of an administrative load and place the support provided [] on an equal footing with [] if a separate recommendation to you is approved.
- 25X1 3. Therefore, it is recommended that appropriate action be taken by your office to have the processing site reproduce, on a low priority basis, [] second generation duplicate positives of the selected targets/areas on all subsequent [] missions. The breakdown team provided by NPIC can accomplish the selections and the Center can forward the reproduction through established channels.

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4. Your early attention to this recommendation would be appreciated.



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